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Reply to Office Action dated July 5, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 32-39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 32-39 are added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Final Office Action dated July 5, 2006 rejected claims 1, 3, 7-8, 11-13, 16-23, and 25-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Curtis et al. (hereinafter "Curtis"), U.S. Patent No. 6,594,472; and rejected claims 2, 4-6, 9-10, 14-15, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Curtis in view of Slipy et al. (hereinafter "Slipy"), U.S. Patent No. 5,848,152. Claims 1-31 have been canceled, and thus, these rejections are moot.

It is respectfully submitted that added claims 32-39 define over the applied prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

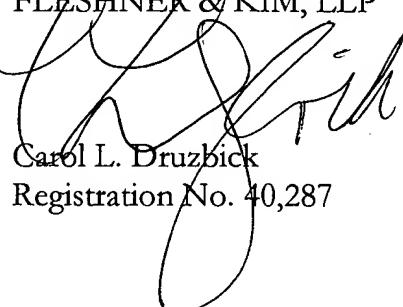
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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